



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 09/976,059  
Applicant: Chris M. Farnet et al.  
Filed: October 15, 2001  
Title : Gene Cluster for Ramoplanin Biosynthesis  
Customer No.: 30198

TC/A.U.: 1653  
Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

Attorney Docket No: 3002-2US

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 for which the shortened statutory period for response expired on December 9, 2004. A petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to this Office Action is filed herewith extending the period for response to February 9, 2005. Accordingly, this Response and amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 17 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 22 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** beginning on page 23 of this paper.